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- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
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 - c. ☒ the concise explanation (**reference AQ**) contained in the specification of the present application at page 1,
 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- EP 0833258 and U.S. Patent No. 5,918,237 correspond to JP 10-154162;**
EP 1133170 and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0022003 correspond to JP 2001-237783;
EP 0529808 corresponds to JP 5-216606;
EP 1283487 and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0028539 correspond to JP 2003-50588;
EP 0875846 and U.S. Patent No. 6,226,672 correspond to JP 11-32070; and
U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/014234 correspond to JP 2003-296050.
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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